

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 33

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Ray Barrett on the occasion of his retirement as Davidson County Administrator of Elections.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this legislative body should honor those citizens who have performed with uncommon devotion and enthusiasm throughout their years of industry; and

WHEREAS, Ray Barrett is one such estimable person who has served with distinction as the Davidson County Administrator of Elections, having recently taken his much-deserved retirement after fifty-two years of service with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett began his public service career in Davidson County as a Deputy Criminal Court Clerk and later served as Clerk and Master for the Chancery Court for twelve years before accepting a position with the Davidson County Election Commission in 1985; and

WHEREAS, employed by the Davidson County Election Commission for the past twenty-five years, he originally served as Supervisor and Technician of the Voting Machine Warehouse before being named the Davidson County Administrator of Elections in July, 2004; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Administrator of Elections some of his major accomplishments include having computers at all 172 precincts, being first in the state of Tennessee to mail sample ballots to voters at their homes and initiating an ongoing review and update of the voter registration data base; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett has been actively involved with many community and civic organizations, has been a member of the Tennessee Association of County Election Officials, is a past president of the County Officials Association of Tennessee and served in many capacities with other prominent organizations; and,

WHEREAS, proud to have served his country, Mr. Barrett is also retired from the Tennessee Air National Guard after thirty-two years of exemplary service, having attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Ray Barrett exemplifies the spirit and allegiance to family and community that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Ray Barrett has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of the good people of Davidson County and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Ray Barrett on his exceptional fifty-year career with the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County, commend his meritorious service as Administrator of Elections, and extend to him our heartfelt wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.